



2018 Annual Meeting

End-of-Life Choice Comes of Age: Living and Dying by Your Values

Keynote Speaker: Marie Eaton

2018 marks the tenth anniversary of two key movements in serious illness and end-of-life care: the start of board certification for palliative care nationally and in Washington state, voter approval of our physician aid-in-dying law.

This year’s annual meeting focuses on the status of these developments here in Washington. Our agenda features a mix of single speakers, panels, perhaps music and two short theatre pieces. Our last panel highlights the growing trend to reflect our values after death through green burials, in-home funerals and other unique approaches to honoring our loved ones. Please join us!

Highlights of the Meeting

- Sixteen speakers, starting with a keynote by Marie Eaton, community champion for the innovative Palliative Care Institute in Whatcom County.
- Perspectives of experts from around the state on how far we’ve come with these key movements and the “burning questions” of what we face now.
- Personal story by psychotherapist Laurie Riepe on her husband’s deeply thoughtful choice to use the Death with Dignity law.
- Two short “interludes” - theatre pieces from “The Grief Dialogues.”
- POLST Update from Bruce Smith, MD and Sharmon Figenshaw, RN, ARNP, ACHPN, co-chairs of the Washington POLST Task Force.

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The Washington End-of-Life Coalition is co-sponsored by the Washington State Medical Association and Washington State Hospital Association.

Friday, Nov. 16
8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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Agenda Overview

8 a.m.	Sign-in/registration
8:30–9:15	Introductions
9:15–10	Keynote – “Community Engagement: The Missing Piece in the Palliative Care Puzzle”
10–10:15	Break & vendor visit
10:15–10:30	Interlude 1 – “Hospice: A Love Story”
10:30–11:30	Panel: “Palliative Care Board Certification: Delivering on the Promise of Improved End-of-Life Care”
11:30–12:30	Lunch
12:30–1 p.m.	“Death with Dignity, A Personal Story”
1–1:45	Panel: “Ten Years of Washington’s Death with Dignity Law”
1:45–2	Break & vendor visit
2–2:15	Interlude 2 – “Dead Giveaway”
2:15–3	Panel: “After-Death Choices: Reflecting Your Values Beyond Life”
3–3:25	POLST Update
3:25–3:30	Closing remarks